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Comments Sought on EIS for Revised Management Plan for BLM Lands in the Coeur d'Alene Planning Area

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho - The Bureau of Land Management announces the completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) for 96,770 acres of public lands administered by the Coeur d'Alene Field Office. These lands are located in Boundary, Bonner, Shoshone, Benewah, and Kootenai counties of northern Idaho. When completed, the RMP will describe broad, multiple-use guidance for managing public lands in the planning area.

The EIS assesses the environmental, social and economic effects of different management alternatives for the RMP. Issue themes addressed in the plan include vegetation management; fire management; watershed management and restoration; management of habitat for wildlife and special status species; management of transportation, public access, and recreational opportunities; and land tenure adjustments.

The BLM is seeking comments from the public regarding the DEIS and conclusions in the document. The Draft Coeur d'Alene RMP/EIS is available for public review on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/id/cda>. Copies of the document were mailed to those who previously requested copies and will also be available at the following locations: BLM Offices in Coeur d'Alene and Boise, the North Idaho College Library in Coeur d'Alene and public libraries in Boundary County, Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, Kellogg, Mullan, Osburn, Pinehurst-Kingston, Plummer, Post Falls, Sandpoint, Spokane (Main Branch and Spokane Valley), St. Maries and Wallace.

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You may submit comments until April 14, 2006 by any of the following means: (1) Email at ID_CDA_RMP@blm.gov; (2) Mail to: BLM Coeur d'Alene Field Office, ATTN: RMP, 1808 N. Third Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814; or (3) Fax at (208) 769-5050, attn: Coeur d'Alene RMP. Comments will be most useful if they are specific, include suggested changes, mention page numbers where appropriate, and cite sources when applicable. Comment letters and e-mails must include your complete name, address, and phone number.

The BLM will hold public meetings about the DEIS between February 7th and 9th, 2006. Meetings will be held at the following locations beginning at 7:00pm and ending at approximately 9:00pm:

- Wallace: Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at the Best Western Wallace Inn, 100 Front Street.
- Coeur d'Alene: Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at the Shilo Inn, 702 W. Appleway Avenue
- Sandpoint: Thursday, February 9, 2006 at the Sandpoint Community Hall, 204 S. 1st Avenue

For additional information or to be added to the official Coeur d'Alene RMP mailing list, please contact Mr. Scott Pavey, Project Manager, BLM, Coeur d'Alene Field Office, at (208)769-5059, email to scott_pavey@blm.gov, or visit the project website at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/id/cda>.

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